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Application No. : 10/602412 Confirmation No. 2231  
Applicant : Charles Newton Knowles, et al.  
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Examiner : David E. Bochna  
  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING  
COUPLER FITTINGS TO CONDUIT SECTIONS  
Docket No. : WLF-15846  
Customer No. : 040854

AMENDMENT "B"  
(In response to Paper No. 3)

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 12, 2005.  
The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 12, 2005.  
Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

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